

Assistant/Associate Professor in Project Management

Department of Management

Birmingham Business School

Role summary

Birmingham Business School is seeking to appoint an outstanding **Assistant/Associate Professor in Project Management**. While not limited to a particular topic focus, we are seeking to strengthen our expertise in project management extending to a range of topic areas including:

- Project system resilience, risk and uncertainty management
- Project management in digital transformation and supply chain analytics
- Strategic project delivery, sustainability, and responsible business
- Project and operations management
- Project management and procurement
- Crisis and change management

Birmingham Business School is committed to Responsible Business, including Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity in our research and teaching and de-colonising the curriculum. The postholder is expected to provide academic impetus across these important projects and beyond. The postholder will become a key member of the Procurement and Operations Management Group (POM) within the Department of Management, providing a focal point for developing colleagues, attracting grant income and boosting the quality and reach of research and teaching. The Group teaches project management across undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. We have new specialist MSc programmes being developed, a major redesign of the MBA and Distance Learning Programmes, and a cross School hub for business analytics education, providing opportunities to enhance scholarly leadership in relevant topic areas. The postholder will develop research and education networks with colleagues across the Department, School and wider University, will be expected to collaborate with colleagues in Engineering, Computer Science, and Healthcare, and develop close working relationship with the Institute of Interdisciplinary Data Science and AI, the Institute for Global Innovation and the Institute of Advanced Studies.

The Birmingham Business School

Birmingham Business School (BBS) is a dynamic and internationally-focused Business School offering programmes across the full range of business and economics disciplines. The School has been a major player in business education for more than a century and we continue to invest in our academic staff and facilities as we work towards our ambition of becoming a Top Ten UK and internationally recognised Business School. Our world-class research and teaching provide the insights, ambitions and skills to shape more responsible business strategies and our vision is to promote curiosity and thought leadership for responsible business. The School recently opened a £25m extension to University House, home to BBS, meaning that all our Faculty are now located in one prestigious building. The

School currently comprises six departments and employs over 260 academic faculty, around 100 professional services staff and has around 6,000 students on its programmes in Edgbaston, Dubai and Singapore.

Birmingham Business School: working for a responsible future

Ranked amongst the world's top 100 institutions, the University of Birmingham is an elite establishment that offers an inspirational research and learning environment.

Birmingham Business School at the University of Birmingham is a world-leading institution and global thought leader in responsible business. Our vision is to inspire curiosity within our students and drive positive change within all fields of business and economics, locally and globally. We are committed to producing forward-thinking leaders and to developing high quality, impactful research. We hold triple-crown accreditation with EQUIS, AMBA and AACSB.

Birmingham Business School is a major player in business education, providing a wide variety of internationally regarded programmes across a range of business disciplines.

There has never been a better time to join Birmingham Business School. Our continued commitment to providing an exceptional standard of research and education has seen recent investment in the building of a multi-million pound extension to our University House facility, providing additional state-of-the-art teaching and learning spaces for students, and new offices for faculty.

The Department of Management has a collegial culture, with over 60 faculty organised across four disciplinary groups: Operations and Procurement Management (POM); Organisation, Work and Employment (OWE); Business and Labour Economics (BLE); and Entrepreneurship, Leadership and Innovation (ELI). Research networks flourish within and across these Groups. The Department has a strong and supportive research culture, with regular seminars, reading groups and a healthy PhD programme. Early Career faculty are particularly supported with developing teaching and research. The successful applicant will be based in the POM Group, leading research and teaching initiatives involving members of that Group as well as across the wider Department, School and University.

The Department of Management is committed to play a significant role in a research-intensive Business School by carrying out world-leading research translated into innovative, cutting edge teaching in relevant subject areas that is original, significant and rigorous. Our intention is to be recognised internationally for research and teaching that is of the highest quality and delivers theoretical and empirical insights that are agenda-setting and have a major impact on the economy, policy and society, not least through our students.

The POM Group currently has 18 full-time members of faculty. The Group contains well-established research expertise in Operations and Supply Chain Management, built upon close engagement with industry across sectors including Aerospace,

Automotive, Business Consulting, Engineering Services, Food, Healthcare, Pharmaceutical and Shipbuilding among others. Expertise areas include project management, political risks, buying behaviours, power relations, global network operations, manufacturing and engineering strategies, sustainable supply chains, operational research, information systems and data science. Research activities at POM contribute to overarching research themes for sustainability and digitalisation. The Sustainability Theme feeds into the School's research agenda for responsible business in areas of green operations and sustainable supply chain performance. The Digitalisation Theme supports the School's strategic positioning as a world-leading provider of Business Analytics education with strong capabilities for operations analytics, digital innovation, forecasting and supply chain optimisation. With complementary expertise in an overall research framework, POM research helps managers and policymakers to cope with complex challenges and opportunities in the changing business environments.

The different research streams of the POM Group link well to other groups in the Department and in the School, for example with colleagues in business economics investigating the importance of the organisation of global value chains for the development of competitive advantage. Research on green operations and supply chain sustainability has clear synergies with the agenda of the School's Centre for Responsible Business. Research on digital transformation and optimisation also has close links to the Sustainable Financial Innovation Centre.

The Birmingham Business School is strongly committed to equality, diversity and inclusion and is particularly seeking applications from underrepresented groups. Applications will be assessed against the stated criteria and on merit.

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